

HIKING

Hiking is a course-record breaking and stakes performing daughter of a grade one winner. A three-quarters sister to a stakes winner, and a close relative to a Eclipse Award wining Champion, she is from a powerful branch of the Best in Show family.

Hiking was an impressive winner of her first two starts in England, breaking a two-year-old course-record when running seven furlongs in 1:20.55. In the U.S., Hiking is a Santa Anita allowance winner, and ran second in the Possibly Perfect Stakes, beating grade one winners Sharla Rae and Energia Fribby.

Hiking's sire First Defence is a grade one winning sprinter, very closely related to Empire Maker, and is also sire of Eclipse Award winning Champion Older Mare Close Hatches.

Hiking is half-sister to the dam of First Defence's son Fame and Power, a three lengths winner of the Sir Barton Stakes, and three times graded stakes placed. Hiking's dam Trekking took second in the Santa Barbara Handicap (gr. II). Trekking is half-sister to the Empire Maker stakes winner Colonialism, and three-quarters sister to multiple stakes winner Tantina, the dam of Champion and Dubai Duty Free (gr. I) victor Cityscape, and of the top-class sprinter Bated Breath, and granddam of Suffused, winner in 2016 of the Glen Falls Stakes (gr. III) at Saratoga. Trekking is also half-sister to the dams of group winner Ajaya and stakes winner Crying Lightening.

Hiking's granddam Didina won the Dahlia Handicap (gr. II). She is out of group placed Didicoy, a daughter the group winning Monroe. Didicoy is half-sister to Champion European Two-Year-Old Xaar, a grandson of Hiking's broodmare sire, Gone West, and to Silver Star – also a granddaughter of Gone West – the second dam of Close Hatches, like Hiking a daughter of First Defence. Didicoy's granddam is the fabulous foundation mare, Best in Show, ancestress of more 30 group and grade one winners, among them El Gran Senor, Rags to Riches, Redoute's Choice, Spinning World, Aldebarn, Chimes of Freedom, Peeping Fawn, and Aviance.

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